



Chamber Chatters

News from the members of the
TAMAQUA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VISIT US AT

<http://www.tamaqua.net>

114 West Broad Street Tamaqua, PA 18252

tamaquachamber@verizon.net

570-668-1880 FAX 570-668-0826

What can we share for you next week?

Contact us at tamaquachamber@verizon.net by Thursday at Noon, and we will be glad to include it in next week's email newsletter. It's just one of the many membership benefits.

CHAMBER UPDATES

YOU ARE INVITED

TAMAQUA CHAMBER'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

April 22, 2015

FLYER ATTACHED

Mountain Valley Golf Course

Tickets \$30 each

**Make plans to join us as we honor this year's recipient of the
Joseph M. Plasko Citizenship Award**

And

Our Businessperson of the Year

TAMAQUA CHAMBER'S ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

May 2, 2015 through June 12, 2015

Win a trip to Caiger's Resort and much more!

Open to all ages (with a valid PA fishing license)

For more info, contact Tom Banditelli at 570-668-5066

FLYERS ATTACHED

Feel free to share your copy of Chamber Chatters with a friend!

THIS WEEKEND

FLYER ATTACHED

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

CARBON/TAMAQUA

2015

TELETHON

ALL WEEKEND LONG

STOP BY!

PHONE IN YOUR PLEDGE!

WATCH IT LIVE!

NEW FLYER ATTACHED SATURDAY NIGHT – TAMAQUA COMMUNITY ART CENTER presents **Sterling Koch Band** and special guest **Don Hoffman**, 8 to 10 pm, Tickets \$10, available at door.

NEW FLYER ATTACHED SUNDAY – TAMAQUA COMMUNITY ART CENTER hosts **Schuylkill Chorale Society Ensemble's "Pop Hits of the 20th Century"**, one show only, 3 pm. Adults \$15, Seniors & Students \$10. Call 570-668-1192 for more info.

NEW SATURDAY IS BOARD GAME DAY! TAMAQUA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Do you enjoy board games? Join us monthly for a board game day in our Reading Room (non-routine date). This Saturday event, open to all ages, is held from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. April's meeting will be on the 11th.

NEW HEISLER'S MINI GOLF SET TO OPEN THIS WEEKEND – Saturday and Sunday open at 10 am, Driving Range opens at 5 pm, and Arcade opens at 2 pm.

NEW MOUNTAIN VALLEY GOLF COURSE "It's a Yueng Thing", April 11 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

NEW VONZ RESTAURANT'S "CHEF Von" will be featured on In the Kitchen on PALive, **Monday, April 27, at 4 pm.** Be sure to tune in and see what delicious meal she will cook this time. **FLYER ATTACHED**

NEW GENE MORRISON at VONZ RESTAURANT, May 6, 7 to 9 pm. Call Vonz to make your reservations early. 570-668-6439 **FLYER ATTACHED**

NEW VONZ RESTAURANT MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET, May 10th, 11 am to 5 pm. Make your reservations today and treat Mom to a delicious dinner. 570-668-6439 **FLYER ATTACHED**

NEW GOT OVERDUE ITEMS? *Return them during one of our Amnesty Weeks and we will waive the fines!*

Amnesty Weeks for 2015: April 13th-19th, July 13th-19th, October 12th-18th

30 S. Railroad Street * Tamaqua, PA 18252, * 570-668-4660 *

tamaquapubliclibrary@hotmail.com * www.taplpa.info

NEW LEIBY'S FARM IS OFFERING A CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) PROGRAM FOR 2015 REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED - A CSA refers to a group of individuals who have pledged to support one or more local farms, with growers and consumers sharing the risks and benefits of food production. CSA members or subscribers pay at the onset of the growing season for a share of the anticipated harvest; once harvesting begins, they periodically receive shares of produce. **This is Leiby's first year to offer this service. Registrations and payments must be received by April 30th.** The CSA will run for 17 week, starting approximately at the end of June, 2015. Two pick up days are available (your choice must be indicated when registering). See EB Leiby Farm CSA on FaceBook for more information. Half and full shares are available and the equivalent of 25 full shares for 2015 season will be offered. Great way to support our local farm business!

NEW TAMAQUA AREA FAITH FELLOWSHIP NETWORK – Hunger Weekend – May 2 and 3. More details to follow or call Paul Dodson at 570-668-0289

NEW Want to start your own business? Don't know where to start or what to do?
TAMAQUA CHAMBER and LCCC present "Wantrepreneur Expo" May 13th, 6 to 9 pm, LCCC Business Enterprise Center, High Street, Tamaqua. Watch for more details, coming soon.

EAST END MARKET - Now open daily from 9:30 to 6:30. Be sure to stop by and say "hello" to Jill and LouAnne. Hanging baskets, beautiful garden flowers, a large selection of memorial silks, Pastries by Aunt G, and much more. Looking for delicious raw local honey? They have the best around.

TAMAQUA COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER FLYERS ATTACHED. Always something new and exciting!

HEISLER'S DAIRY BAR NOW OPEN FOR THE 2015 SEASON daily from 9 to 9.

"What's happening at Vonz Restaurant?" Trivia Thursdays 6:30 to 8:30, Lunch & Dinner Specials, and much more.

**CELEBRATE SPRING at
MASSAGE THERAPY**

Call Marion at 570-668-6225 to schedule
An appointment today!

Monday, Tuesday – 11 am to 7 pm
Wednesday – 11 am to 6 pm
Thursday & Friday – 11 am to 8 pm
Closed Saturday & Sunday



SWEET PIZZ PIZZA, located at 263 Lafayette Street, Tamaqua - now OPEN under new management and staff - call 570-952-9229. **Print out this announcement and bring with you for \$5.00 off an X-Large Sweet Pizzz Pizza.**

REVISED FLYER ATTACHED TAMAQUA SALVATION ARMY OLDER & BOLDER

Call Dina Depos at (570)668-0410 for more info.

FLYER ATTACHED – TAMAQUA SALVATION ARMY to host AARP Driving certification and refresher classes. Call 570-668-0410 to register.

FLYER ATTACHED TAMAQUA BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB invites you to join them to "Celebrate Equal Pay Day!", Sunday, **April 26**, 1 to 3 pm. Reservations and more info: Contact Marcia Leonard, BPW/PA District 9 Director at 610-657-2593. Flyer includes a 22% off coupon for all goods sold at BPW sale table.

HEALTH CARE REFORM NEWS from Washko & Thomas Agency FLYER ATTACHED Special enrollment period ends April 30, 2015. Call Gar Thomas 570-952-4591, email garthom@ptd.net

TAMAQUA ROTARY CLUB Meeting Dates:

April 15 - Sticky bun delivery

April 17 – Pottsville Rotary's 100th, Mountain Valley Golf Course, 5:30 pm social, 6:30 dinner

April 22 – Program meeting, Tamaqua Salvation Army, 8 am

April 29 – Program meeting, Tamaqua Salvation Army, 8 am



BOARD GAMES!

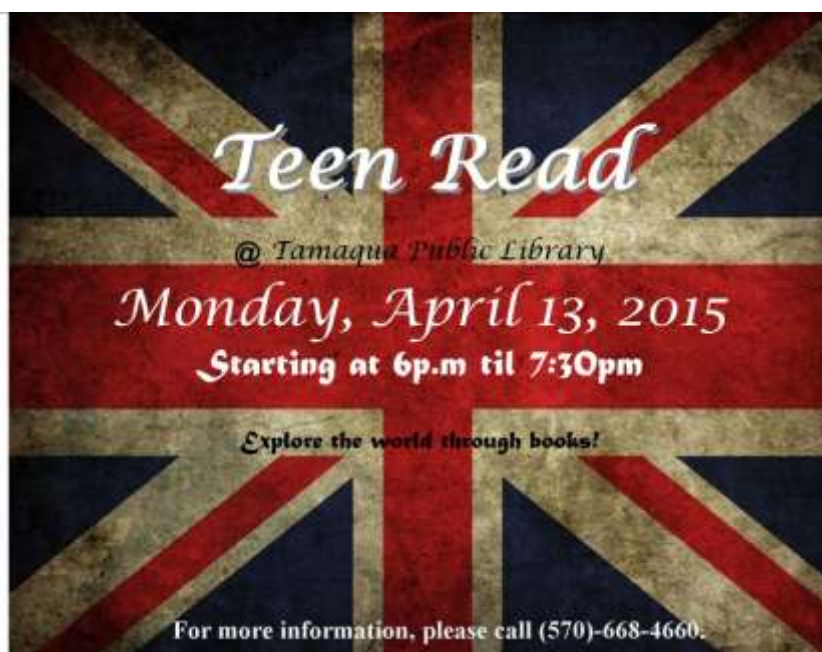
Tamaqua Public Library is hosting a
Family board game day!

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015

11 A.M - 4 P.M.

ALL AGES WELCOMED!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER,
PLEASE CALL (570)-668-4660 OR CHECK OUT WWW.BOARDGAMEGEEK.COM



Teen Read

@ Tamaqua Public Library

Monday, April 13, 2015

Starting at 6p.m til 7:30pm

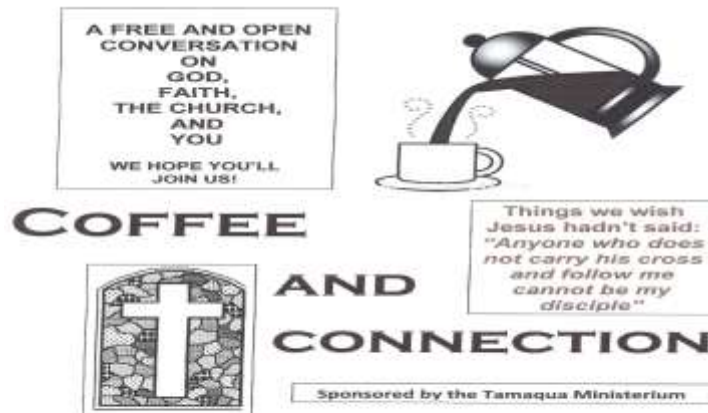
Explore the world through books!

For more information, please call (570)-668-4660.

Vonz Restaurant

Located in the Tamaqua Train Station
18 N. Railroad Street, Tamaqua, PA
(570) 668-6439

Welcomes you to:
Coffee and Connections, sponsored by:
Tamaqua Ministerium



2:00 to 4:00 PM

Tuesday 4/28/15

Topic: "Give away everything you have"

SALVATION ARMY TO HOST AARP CLASSES IN APRIL 2015

Anyone age 50 & up can learn how to refresh their driving skills, save money, volunteer and find useful information about getting around. Insurance discount eligibility is age 55.

TAMAQUA SALVATION ARMY
105 W BROAD ST
TAMAQUA, PA 182521916
(570) 668-0410 (Call To Register)

FULL CERTIFICATION CLASS

Class Days/Times:
Monday, 04/13/2015 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Tuesday, 04/14/2015 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Duration: 8 Hours
Languages: ENGLISH
Instructor: James Greaser
Member Fee: \$15.00
Non-Member Fee: \$20.00

REFRESHER CLASS

Class Day/Time:
04/16/2015 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Duration: 4 Hours **Refresher**
Languages: ENGLISH
Instructor: James Greaser
Member Fee: \$15.00
Non-Member Fee: \$20.00

Note:

This is the four hour refresher course. Open to those who have completed a previous course within the past 36 months.



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CMS Announces Special Enrollment Period in Federal Exchanges

Gar Thomas | Washko & Thomas, LLC | (570) 952-4591 | garthom@ptd.net

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") announced on February 20, 2015 a special enrollment period for individuals and families who did not have health coverage in 2014 and are subject to the "shared responsibility payment" when they file their 2014 taxes in states which use the Federally-facilitated Marketplaces ("FFM"). This special enrollment period will allow those individuals and families who were unaware or didn't understand the implications of this new requirement to enroll in 2015 health insurance coverage through the FFM.

For those who were unaware or didn't understand the implications of the fee for not enrolling in coverage, CMS will provide consumers with an opportunity to purchase health insurance coverage from **March 15 to April 30**. Those eligible for this special enrollment period live in states with a Federally-facilitated Marketplace and:

- currently are not enrolled in coverage through the FFM for 2015,
- attest that when they filed their 2014 tax return they paid the fee for not having health coverage in 2014, and

- attest that they first became aware of, or understood the implications of, the Shared Responsibility Payment after the end of open enrollment (February 15, 2015) in connection with preparing their 2014 taxes.

If a consumer enrolls in coverage before the 15th of the month, coverage will be effective on the first day of the following month.

Many state-based Exchanges are offering an extension as well. Below are the special enrollment periods for the California, Connecticut and New York state-based Exchanges:

California: February 23 through April 30

Connecticut: April 1, through April 30

New York: March 1 through April 30

This document is designed to highlight various employee benefit matters of general interest to our readers. It is not intended to interpret laws or regulations, or to address specific client situations. You should not act or rely on any information contained herein without seeking the advice of an attorney or tax professional.

This special enrollment period will start on March 15 and end April 30, 2015.

Call Gar Thomas 570-952-4591, email garthom@ptd.net

HEALTH CARE REFORM NEWS from Washko & Thomas Agency

WOMEN
Like men,
only cheaper.



IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT,
HELP US MIGHT IT.

Premier Showing:
"History of Working Women"
Guest Speakers include:
BPW/PA State President
BPW/PA Vice-President
Working Women in History

Business & Professional Women's Club

**Celebrate Equal
Pay Day with us!**

FREE

Sun. April 26, 2015

**Lehigh Valley
Heritage Museum**

432 Walnut St., Allentown, Pa.

1 PM—3 PM

Business Networking & Refreshments
Free "Designer" Red Purse Drawing

Reservations and More info?: Contact Marcia Leonard,
BPW/PA District 9 Director at 610.657.2593

The Wage Gap....

***It's just not about women anymore! Join us to find
out why.***

**22% off**

***All Goods sold at BPW sale tables for any
Female Bearer of this coupon.***

Valid for all BPW table purchases at the BPW Equal Pay Day event on Sunday, April 26, 2015. Must present coupon and be female for discount. Additional coupon passes available at the event.

PRINT OUT THE FLYERS AND POST THEM!

JOIN THE TAMAQUA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BEGIN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF THE WIDE VARIETY OF BENEFITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE WITH MEMBERSHIP.
EMAIL US AT chamber@tamaqua.net CALL US AT (570)668-1880

Oil Painting Lessons

125 Pine Street, Tamaqua, PA
Call 570-668-1192



facebook
MARITZA MENDEZ-REINBOLD

APRIL 25th



MAY 2nd



APRIL 25th & MAY 2nd
2 pm – 5 pm
Tamaqua Community Art Center
Call 570-668-1192 to register
or email leona@taccp.info

Learn How to Mask and Wet on Wet painting

\$20 for a 3 hour class – supplies not included

or

\$30 for a 3 hour class – all supplies included

For the \$20 package please bring this Supply list:

18" x 24" canvas, multiple size brushes, pallet, oil medium, rags,
and oil paints (Primary colors, white & black)

Water Color Lessons

125 Pine Street, Tamaqua, PA
Call 570-668-1192



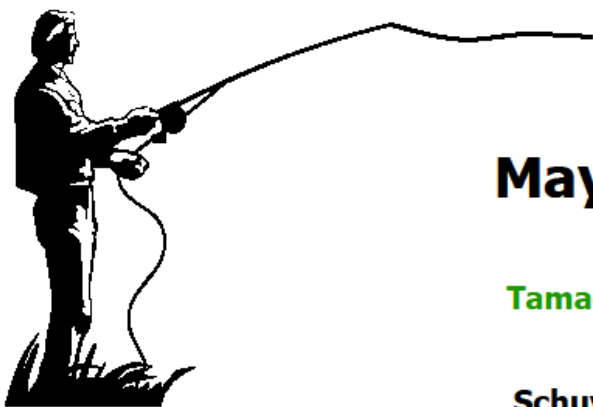
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MARITZA MENDEZ-REINBOLD

MAY 9th & MAY 16th **2 pm – 4:30 pm**
Tamaqua Community Art Center
Call 570-668-1192 to register or email leona@taccp.info



Cost - \$25 for a 2 1/2 hour class –
all supplies included

You will be completing a 11" x 14"
painting on water color paper



TROUT DERBY

Little Schuylkill River

May 2—June 12, 2015

Sponsored by

Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce

In cooperation with

Schuylkill Trout Stocking Association

All Ages

Registration Fee \$10

Purchase a

**"Friends of Schuylkill
Trout Unlimited"**

Badge

to help support trout
stocking throughout
Schuylkill County

Prizes for tagged trout

Pre-Registration forms available at

Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce &

Tom's Auto & Marine

Registration will also be held

Saturday, May 2, 2015, 8 a.m. to noon

Across from All American Jeep, Tamaqua

Valid PA fishing license & trout stamp required for all

Participants 16 years of age and older.

GRAND PRIZE

**3 days, 2 nights trip for 2 to
Caiger's Resort, 1000 Islands, Canada
(includes 2 breakfasts and 2 days of guided fishing)**

**All registered anglers are eligible for additional prizes
Including:**

**Bass Pro Shop tackle bag
Rod/reel fishing packages
Cabela's Spin cast fishing rod/reel combos
Variety of sports equipment
Gift cards
And much more!**

ONLY registered anglers will be eligible for prizes!

Registration \$10/person

**Forms available at Tom's Auto & Marine. Greenwood St,
Tamaqua**

**Registrations must be received no later
than Noon, May 2.**

See rules for more details.

*Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce
is proud to host the
Tamaqua Annual Dinner*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015
5:30 p.m. cocktails; 6:30 p.m. dinner
Mountain Valley Golf Course
1021 Brockton Mountain Drive, Barnesville
Cost is \$30.00 a person**

Thank you to our sponsors:



**Alliance for Building
Communities, Inc.**

Building a tomorrow for our communities today!

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Certified Public Accountants

(570) 668-1208 or (570) 668-4981

LARRY WITTIG, CPA and EILEEN GIBAS KMETZ, CPA

Name(s): _____

I/We will attend and payment is enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce". Questions call 570-668-1880

Please detach and return to: Tamaqua Chamber of Commerce, 114 West Broad Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252

**American
Cancer
Society®**



2015 TELETHON

CARBON/TAMAQUA

APRIL 11 & 12, 2015

at Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe

NEW THIS YEAR:



BOTH DAYS 2PM - 10PM

ENJOY THE TELETHON ENTERTAINMENT

WHILE PLAYING FOR CASH PRIZES

CSA Member Agreement for 2015

EB Leiby Farm
1028-1 Catawissa Rd
Tamaqua, PA 18252
570-668-4435
ebleibyfarm@gmail.com

Member Contact Information: *(If you are planning on splitting a full share include both contacts.)*

Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City, State:	City, State:
ZIP:	ZIP:
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Email:	Email:

We, the farm, wish to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal food and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. This agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between our farm and you as a customer. Rather than simply purchasing food, our customers become "members" of this farm who receive a portion of the farm's harvest.

Our CSA runs for 17 weeks, from the end of June or beginning of July until the end of October. Members are responsible for showing up at the farm each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. You will generally receive a box of produce each week based upon your share size selection. Variety and quantity may vary from week to week.

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce, however, may vary from week to week due to extreme weather, insects, or other production factors despite our best efforts. By joining the CSA, you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with us and other members. If only a small portion of crops fail, we will compensate for the failed crops by filling your share with other crops grown on the farm that are ready for harvest at that time. We may choose to cover for a crop loss by buying in from other local farmers. However, this may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or widespread failure.

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells at other farm markets and to some wholesale customers. We will balance priority of the CSA with our other markets. This allows us to supply a consistently full and diverse share to our members while avoiding over-delivering any one product.

Full share \$400, half share \$225. Payment due by April 30, 2015. Limit of 25 shares for 2015 season.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

presents

**Dear
Tamaqua...**



and **Kidz Karnival**



Tuesday, August 4th

**DOWNTOWN TAMAQUA
2 pm to 9 pm**

Rain or Shine



EVENT: Tuesday, August 4, 2015



Kidz Karnival

2015 Sponsorship Opportunities

WAYS TO BE A KIDZ KARNIVAL SPONSOR:	
	\$20.00 Sponsor a Child with 2 Books of Tickets
	\$60.00 Sponsor a Family with 6 Books of Tickets
X	\$65.00 Sponsor Kidz Striker Game SPONSORED by EGW Wrestling 
	\$75.00 Sponsor Prizes for 1 Game Business Name Posted by the Game
	\$100.00 Sponsor the cost of 8.5"x11" Flyers
	\$150.00 Sponsor cost of 11"x17" Posters
X	\$250.00 Sponsor the Ditch Buret Game SPONSORED by American Automobile Association 
	\$350.00 Sponsor the Jungle Bounce House Ride Business Name/Banner Posted by the Ride
X	\$600.00 Sponsor the cost of promotional Tee Shirts SPONSORED by AmeriHealth 
	\$1000.00 Sponsor or Co-Sponsor the Swinger Ride
	Match the total amount that will be raised up to \$10,000.00 and become a MAJOR SPONSOR! Call our office TODAY to provide your business name/brand on Kidz Karnival promotional materials.

CAN YOU HELP US WITH SPECIFIC ITEMS?

WE NEED

- DRINKS (water, iced tea, soda)
- FOOD ITEMS (hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, pierogies)
- TENTS (10'x10' or larger)
- TARPS (to enclose 10' tents)
- CARNIVAL GAMES
- LARGE INSULATED COOLERS
- VOLUNTEERS (to man games, rides, etc.)

Please call (570) 668-0410 for more info.



Donations of \$100.00 or more will include your business NAME on an 11"x17" poster as well as on tee shirts.
Donations of \$200.00 or more will include your business NAME on an 11"x17" poster & LOGO ON TEE SHIRTS.
Would your business or corporate employer consider becoming a major sponsor by matching the total funds raised by our Kidz Karnival community event? If so, please contact Major Sharon Whispell or Dina Depos at the Tamaqua Salvation Army (570) 668-0410.



Sterling Koch Band
&
special guest
Don Hoffman

April 11th
8-10pm
Tickets \$10

TAMAQUA COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER – SATURDAY NIGHT

SCHUYLKILL CHORALE SOCIETY ENSEMBLE

PRESENTS

POP HITS OF THE 20TH CENTURY

ONE SHOW ONLY

SEATING IS LIMITED



SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH 3:00^{PM}

TICKETS - \$15 adults | \$10 seniors & students

\$2 off if purchased by April 10th

Tamaqua Community Art Center

125 Pine Street, Tamaqua

(570) 668-1192

Tamaquaarts.org



What's Happening at "Vonz" Restaurant

Located in the Tamaqua Train Station
18 N. Railroad Street, Tamaqua PA 18252
(570) 668-6439 www.vonzrestaurant.com



DINNER & MUSIC

Entertainment by: Solo Guitarist

GENE MORRISON

MAY 6th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Make your Reservation Today!



OPEN

MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET

SUNDAY, MAY 10th,

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Make your Reservation Today!



TRIVIA THURSDAYS 6:30p - 8:30p

*Have a fun-filled, dining experience
with Vonz Special Dinner Entrees and
Trivia w/ Matt Stine*



Come Dine with us at "Vonz"

***On Your Birthday, present i.d. and
receive 10% off your dinner entree.***

Vonz Restaurant Chef's Corner



Guess who's In The Kitchen again!

"Chef Von" of Vonz Restaurant (located in the Tamaqua Train Station) will be back

in the Kitchen on PAlive

Monday, April 27th 2015 at 4 p.m.



What delicious meal will she cook this time?

TUNE IN 4PM on APRIL 27th.

Vonz Restaurant - in The Tamaqua Train Station - 18 N. Railroad Street, Tamaqua - (570) 668-6439

*ENJOY A NIGHT OF GREAT FOOD AND
ENTERTAINMENT
AT*

"Vongz" Restaurant

In the Tamaqua Train Station

FEATURING GENE MORRISON



*WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2015
7:00 p.m. – 9:00p.m.*

Call (570) 668-6439 to make a reservation